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QUEEN FRANCES CROWNED AND SPORTS ARE NOW ON

Coronation Ceremonies And Parade Of Forenoon Carried Out As Scheduled --Conditions Unite For Success Of The Ninth Annual Regatta

The crowning of Queen Frances yesterday morning marked the commencement of the ninth annual regatta, and was unquestionably the most gorgeous affair of the kind ever attempted in the West. With all the formality of royal coronations, the opening ceremony was performed in the presence of an enormous crowd, and when, at its conclusion, her majesty arose for a moment to declare the regatta formally opened, there arose a cheer from the vast throng that could be heard for miles. Scores of steamers joined in the joyous outburst and the din was deafening.

Owing to the great crush of people at the grand stand, the coronation was delayed for fully half an hour. Long before 9 o'clock thousands began flocking to the water front and by 9 the great grand stand was packed. The crowd surged forward, however, until it seemed that the weaker ones must surely be crushed. Hundreds applied for admission, but were turned away.

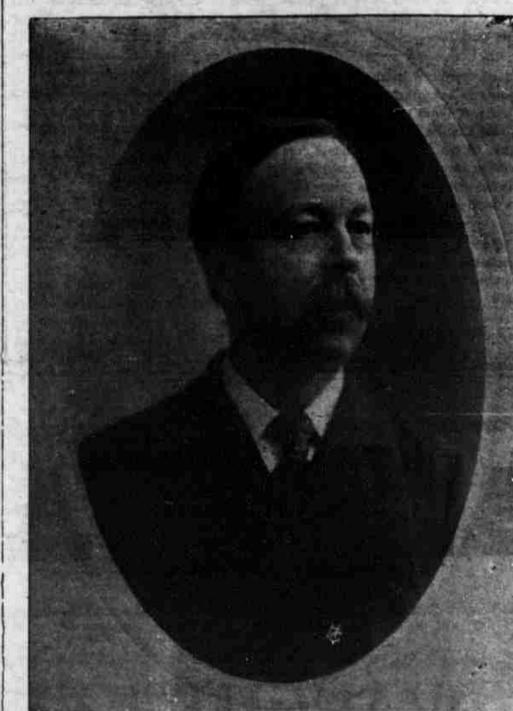
The neighboring docks were likewise crowded with spectators. Every available inch of space was occupied, while the boats that darted about on the broad course were laden with passengers. It was a record crowd, surpassing all former gatherings and exceeding by far the most sanguine expectations of the regatta committee.

ROYAL BARGE COMES IN SIGHT.
About 9:20 the royal barge came into sight. The barge had been moored at the O. R. & N. dock, where Queen Frances, her court and the visiting dignitaries boarded. As the royal fleet came slowly toward the grand stand the people arose to obtain a better view, with the inevitable result that many were unable to observe all the details of the opening ceremony. The barge was moored directly in front of the grand stand and all the boats were ordered off the course, leaving the barge in full sight.

Queen Frances occupied the throne at the center, her maids and ladies in waiting surrounding her. To the left were assembled Governor Chamberlain and his staff, in full uniform, while Admiral Smith and staff occupied positions to the right. The flower girls and pages were also in sight of the spectators; Mayor Suprenant officiated as master of ceremonies.

The crown was placed on the head of Queen Frances by Admiral Smith. Her majesty then arose and made royal declaration of the opening of the regatta. As she resumed her seat Governor Chamberlain, with Emma, Queen of

deed looked queenly in her royal robes. The sun shone gloriously through the entire ceremony, the great western river was as quiet as a mill pond and every condition was favorable for a coronation. "How beautiful our queen!" was an exclamation that came from the lips of the thousands of onlookers—an involuntary tribute to the grace of the fair young queen than whom none sweeter has ever reigned. With all the pomp of a royal court of bygone ages Queen Frances assumed the throne for which she is so well fitted, and the



Governor Chamberlain.

multitude, anxious to give vent to its feeling of good will, cheered lustily for the fairest of all fair queens.

The coronation over, Governor Chamberlain and staff left the royal barge on a steam launch for the U. S. S. Concord and were conveyed rapidly to the cruiser. As his excellency boarded



Admiral A. N. Smith.

Portland, on his arm, stepped before her majesty, and the distinguished visitors bowed to the queen. The other visiting queens, each on the arm of a member of the governor's staff, knelt in turn before her majesty. The members of the admiral's staff likewise saluted the queen.

From the grand stand the scene was one of rare magnificence. Frances in-

For the first time in the history of the Astoria regatta two foreign crews participated yesterday morning in a junior four-oared barge race. The crews represented the cities of Vancouver and Victoria, B. C. The race was hotly contested throughout, the boats turning the buoy at almost precisely the same moment. Coming into the stretch they were neck and neck, the crews laboring with might and main to gain a telling advantage. The Victoria aggregation started magnificently at the end and won out by the narrow margin of three seconds. Gold pennant pins also went with this event. The Portland crew was expected to contest this race, but failed to put in an appearance.

JUNIOR-BARGE RACE.

The junior four-oared barge race was the morning event on water that attracted the greatest attention. The three California crews were entered—Alameda, South End and Ariel. The Alamedas gained a lead that was never overcome and won from South End by five seconds, the Ariels finishing 25 seconds behind the South End four. The prizes were gold pennant pins.

THE CUTTER RACE.

Crews from the U. S. S. Manzanita, Columbine and Heather next contested for supremacy in cutters. The Manzanita crew succeeded in capturing the prize after a hard struggle. The Columbine crew finished second and the Heather crew third. The Manzanita cutter is the best of the available boats here as usual rowed to victory.

HIGH DIVING.

The crowd was entertained for 20 minutes with an exhibition of high diving. There were four participants and their feats were of the breath-taking variety. One of the divers was exceptionally proficient and his performance elicited warm applause.

THE STREET PARADE.

The street parade, which started at

1:45, was one of gigantic proportions. The line of march was packed with people, all anxious to obtain a second glimpse of Queen Frances. In the procession were the visiting queens in carriages, the governor and his staff, the admiral and his staff, the queen's maids of honor and the ladies-in-waiting and other notable personages.

The queen occupied a carriage that was literally laden with flowers and drawn by four coal-black horses. As her majesty's carriage passed through the streets the queen was accorded another ovation, bowing graciously from side to side, her appreciation of the loyalty of her riving subjects. The genuine outbursts of enthusiasm with which the queen was greeted during the day was certainly a flattering tribute to her popularity, for never before was so loyal a welcome extended a regatta ruler.

The parade disbanded at regatta headquarters, and the next hour and a half the great crowd enjoyed lunch.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

The afternoon was almost entirely given up to the yachting events. The fish boats were first sent away from an anchored start. Then the Shoalwater bay sloops were started and next the Portland boats. At the start the wind was light, but freshened up a bit as the afternoon wore on.

The fish boat race was won by A. Swinson, who finished five seconds ahead of Charles Mattier. Victor Johnson finished fourth and Emil Mattson fifth. The prizes were \$70 and \$30.

The sloops finished in the following order: Olympic, Undine, and Blue Jacket. Olympic defeated Undine by 6 minutes. The Portland boats finished in the following order: Wizard, Skyrocket, Wauna and Oriole. The Wizard won handsily from her competitors, defeating Skyrocket by 10 minutes. The sloops won prizes of \$150, \$75 and \$25 respectively and similar prizes went to the Portland boats.

During the afternoon several events of minor importance were pulled off in front of the grand stand to the amusement of the crowd.

THE HOSE RACE.

The speed race, the first event for fire men, was pulled off at 4:30, p. m., on Bond street. Three hose teams entered—Astoria, Oregon City and Vancouver, Wash. Vancouver ran first and, after a good start, finished poorly. Vancouver covered the distance in 22-2-5. Astoria followed and ran an even race from start to finish, going the distance in 31 1-5. Oregon City started too strongly and three of its men dropped off. The last named team was credited with the good time of 31 2-5 seconds. First money, \$100 went to Astoria and second money, \$50, to Oregon City.

CRACK SPRINTER HERE.

Hefner, one of Oregon City's delegation, had no trouble in capturing the 100-yard foot race, Smith finishing second. Hefner also won the 220-yard run, Curtis, of Astoria, finishing second. Hefner is a crack sprinter and is said to have recently come north from San Francisco. He is easily the fastest

man of the bunch of runners now here. The footrace concluded the program of the day and the crowd dispersed.

A fitting close to the day's events was the ball at Foard & Stokes' hall in the evening. It was a mingling of royalty and democracy, an exhibition of resplendent costumes and ball room sociability. The queen with her maids, ladies-in-waiting, the admiral and staff, the governor of the state, a United States senator and other dignitaries were there and everyone present of the immense throng enjoyed the mazy dance to the fall of his bent.

PROGRAM TODAY

Afternoon—1:30. Columbia river fish boats. Twice around course. Working sails. Anchor start. First prize \$70, second \$30. 15 enter. Exhibition Ft. Canby Life Saving Crew.

1:15. Free for all sailing race. First prize \$150, second \$75, third \$25. Shoalwater bay and Portland boats to enter. Sub-marine diving exhibition. Exhibition light house tender placing and taking up buoys.

1:30. Whitehall sailing race. First prize \$20, second \$10. Upset race.

1:45. Cannery tender's race. First prize \$20, second \$10. Tilting match.

3:00. Shooting tournament.

4:00. Hose race. Dry test. Vancouver, Oregon City, Astoria. First prize \$100, second \$50. Foot races, 440 yards. First prize \$20, second \$10. One and one fourth miles. First prize \$20, second \$10.

Queen Frances will appear in public twice today: At the grand stand in the morning and at the reception in the evening. At 9:30 her majesty will grace the grand stand, arriving from one of the government vessels.

Evening—Mrs. W. O. Wilkinson will give a public reception at her home where visitors and the people of Astoria will have the pleasure of meeting Queen Frances I.

Queen Frances, it should be understood, reigns as queen of the greatest regatta Astoria ever held. She is not queen of any particular class, but an impartial reigning monarch, solicitous for the welfare of all her subjects and a cordial invitation is extended to every body to attend the public reception she will hold at the residence of her aunt.

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